

House Resolution 1571

By: Representatives Cheokas of the 134th, Floyd of the 147th, Smith of the 129th, Burns of the 157th, Channell of the 116th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Harold Linnenkohl; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Harold Linnenkohl has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
3 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the citizens
4 of his community and the State of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
6 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his state as evidenced dramatically by his over
7 34 years of dedicated service to the Georgia Department of Transportation; and

8 WHEREAS, during his career with the Department of Transportation he held positions such
9 as a Civil Engineering Technologist, Assistant State Bituminous Construction Engineer, State
10 Aid Engineer, State Aid Administrator, Executive Assistant to one of the department's former
11 commissioners, and as Deputy Commissioner from 2000 until 2003, at which time the State
12 Transportation Board appointed him Commissioner, and served in this position until his
13 retirement in November, 2007; and

14 WHEREAS, as Commissioner for the Department of Transportation his responsibilities
15 included implementing the policies of the State Transportation Board and overseeing the
16 daily operation of the department which included 5,800 employees and a \$2 billion budget;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, under his guidance as Commissioner, the department was recognized as one of
19 the best departments of transportation in the nation, Georgia's roadways were consistently
20 ranked among the nation's best, he improved operations within the department, strengthened
21 its internal policies and processes, and boosted employee morale; and

22 WHEREAS, he is a graduate of Southern Technical Institute in Marietta, Georgia, earning
23 a degree in Civil Engineering Technology in 1968; and

1 WHEREAS, he has served his county honorably in the United States Army which included
2 a two-year tour in Vietnam; and

3 WHEREAS, he and his wife Linda live in Hiram, Georgia, and have two children and three
4 grandchildren; and

5 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
6 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; his loyalty, competency, reliability, and
7 enthusiasm have distinguished his superlative service to this state.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
9 the members of this body commend Harold Linnenkohl for his many decades of efficient,
10 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of his state and extend to him
11 their most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Harold Linnenkohl.